

STATE OF MINNESOTA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

**In the Matter of a Pending Application
By Xcel Energy For A Route Permit For
A New 161 kV High Voltage
Transmission Line Between Lakefield
Junction And Fox Lake Substation In
Southwest Minnesota.**

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO A
CITIZEN ADVISORY TASK FORCE**

The above-entitled matter, a pending application for a route permit for a new 161 kV transmission line, approximately 24 miles long, between Lakefield Junction and Fox Lake substations in Southwestern Minnesota, came before the Chair of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MEQB) for a decision on the appointment of the members of a Citizen Advisory Task Force regarding the expected High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL) application.

WHEREAS, in March 2003 the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission issued a Certificate of Need to Xcel Energy for a new 161 kV High Voltage Transmission Line between the existing Lakefield Junction Substation and the existing Fox Lake substation in southwest Minnesota (PUC Docket E-002/CN-01-1958); and

WHEREAS, an application for a routing permit for this new line is expected to be filed with the MEQB sometime in July 2003; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes § 116C.59 and Minnesota Rules Chapter 4400.1600 allow the Chair to appoint a Citizens Advisory Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board issued an order establishing a Citizens Advisory Task Force and setting the formal charge to the group on May 14, 2003, and

WHEREAS, letters soliciting nominations were sent to the local units of government identified in the May 14, 2003, Order, and

WHEREAS, nominations have been received from those entities wishing to submit nominations and information regarding the nominees has been assembled by EQB staff and reviewed by the Chair, and,

WHEREAS, no nominations have been received from the City of Lakefield, and ,

WHEREAS, some local units of government have designated members and alternates as their representatives on this Task Force, and,

WHEREAS, having reviewed the submitted information, the Chair has determined the following individuals will be appointed as members and alternates to a Citizen Advisory Task Force for a proposed new 161 kV High Voltage Transmission Line Between Lakefield Junction And Fox Lake Substation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair make the following appointments to the Citizen Advisory Task Force.

1. The membership of the Citizen Advisory Task Force for the Lakefield to Fox Lake 161 kV project shall be:
 - Craig Rubis for the Southwest Regional Development Commission and Richard Peterson, as alternate,
 - Peggy Wiese for the Region Nine Development Commission
 - Dean Albrecht for the City of Jackson and Steve Walker, as alternate,
 - Kathy Bailey for the City of Sherburn
 - Gordon Olson for Jackson County and John Nauerth, as alternate,
 - Harry Jenness for Martin County
 - Mark Eggimann from Des Moines Township in Jackson County
 - Steve Fransen and Lisa Lusk landowners along the proposed routes.
2. I appoint Craig Rubis of the Southwest Regional Development Commission the Chair of the Task Force.
3. For those local government bodies that have designated an alternate representative, the alternate may sit as a full member on the Task Force in the absence of the appointed member.

Signed this 17th day of July , 2003

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Robert A. Schroeder
Chair